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AMENDMENT

Please enter the following amendment in response to the June 26, 2002 Office Action.

In the Claims:

Please replace claims 1 and 4 with the following rewritten claims:

- - - 1. A unitary one piece molded metatarsal guard for footwear including a sole and a toe cap, said metatarsal guard comprising:

a convex arch portion over the wearer's instep;

a lip integrally molded with said arch portion and overlying the toe cap; and only a single concave right support leg and only a single concave left support leg overlying the shoe sole, said support legs integrally molded with the convex arch and extending on opposite sides of the wearer's foot and bearing against the

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